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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
  - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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  - a. **type of material:**
    - a sequence listing
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. II Priority**

1.  The following document has not been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).  
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2.  This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or  
Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**Box No. VIII Certain observations on the International application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

**Re Item V.**

- 1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:  
D1 : EP 0 669 591 B (MIKRON GES FUER INTEGRIERTE  
MIKROELEKTRONIK) 8 December 1999 (1999-12-08)  
D2 : US 2002/054653 A1 (ZETTLER WERNER) 9 May 2002 (2002-05-09)  
D3 : US 6 559 754 B1 (AMTMANN FRANZ) 6 May 2003 (2003-05-06)
- 2 Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, refers to a data carrier comprising a transponder circuit (2) for contactless communication with a base station, the transponder circuit (2) comprising a coil antenna (12) in which an antenna signal ( $L_A$ ) can be induced in operation, further comprising a modulator (16) for load-modulating (cf. page 2, line 26; page 4 lines 32-38) transmission data.
- 3 Document D2 refers to a contactless data carrier with controllable supply voltage generation means and using load modulation (28). Depending on the distance between data carrier and base station a load regulation is performed (cf. paragraphs 41-51).
- 4 Document D3 describes a data carrier which is activated in a transmission mode such that the load modulation of a non-modulated carrier signal is performed by two auxiliary carrier signals in order to transmit data to a base station. Power consumption is thereby reduced by using only one auxiliary carrier signal for data transmission.
- 5 The subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs from D1 as the closest prior art in that it comprises
  - detection means for detecting an item of energy information that characterizes the energy content of the antenna signal,
  - comparator means for comparing the detected item of energy information with a preset item of energy information and for emitting an item of comparison information, and
  - modification means for modifying the ratio of the duration of the load period to the duration of the off-load period as a function of the item of comparison information.

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The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as provision of better detectable waveforms at extreme low or high distances between the data carrier and the base station due to modified load and off-load periods.

None of the prior art documents neither shows the differing features nor provides a hint for the skilled person to include the differing features in the data carrier of D1.

The subject-matter of **claim 1** appears therefore novel and involving an inventive step (Article 33(2)(3) PCT).

- 6 Independent claim 7 claims an integrated circuit of a data carrier, the circuit having analogous features to the data carrier of claim 1.
- 7 Hence, for the same reasons as shown in above paragraph 5, the subject-matter of **claim 7** appears novel and involving an inventive step (Article 33(2)(3) PCT).
- 8 **Claims 2 - 6 and 8 - 12** are dependent on claims 1 and 7, respectively, and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.
- 9 Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a method of modulation for the modulation, by a data carrier, of an electromagnetic field generated by a base station, wherein the following step is carried out:
  - modulation of the electromagnetic field by the data carrier, during successive load periods and off-load periods, with transmission data to be communicated to the base station, the electromagnetic field being load-modulated during the load periods by modifying the value of the impedance of a modulation load belonging to the data carrier (cf. page 2, line 26; paragraphs 15-17).

From this, the subject-matter of independent claim 13 differs by the following method steps:

- determination of the distance between the data carrier and the base station;
- adjustment of the ratio of the duration of the load period to the duration of

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the off-load period as a function of the distance between the data carrier and the base station.

None of the prior art documents neither describes the differing method steps nor provides a hint for the skilled person to perform the differing method steps in the method of D1.

The subject-matter of **claim 13** appears therefore novel and involving an inventive step (Article 33(2)(3) PCT).

10 **Claims 14-16** are dependent on claim 13 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

**Re Item VIII.**

11 Although **claims 1 and 7** have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought or in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

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